

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: A, B, C, D, E

A. Please replace the paragraph under Related Application on page 1 with the following paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/10/783,598 (MS No. 308423.01 / LH MS1-2021US), entitled "Systems and Methods for Updating a Filter Query Engine Opcode Tree" and filed by the Applications named herein on February 20, 2004.

B. Please replace the paragraph on page 9 with the following paragraph:

Exemplary Computer System

Fig. 1 is a simplified block diagram of an exemplary computer system 100 in accordance with the presently described systems and methods. The exemplary computer system 100 as shown encompasses at least a portion of a messaging system 114 in memory 102. The computer system 100 also includes a processor 104 for executing computer instructions and an input/output (I/O) module 106 for receiving and transmitting data to/from the computer system 100. The computer system 100 also includes a number of hardware components 108 that are not specified herein, but are necessary to support operation of the computer system 100.

C. Please replace the last paragraph on page 16 with the following paragraph:

If there is a next node to evaluate ("Yes" branch, block 408) it is determined if the next node is a branch node at block 410. At this point in the present example, the next

node is the first branch node 304. If the next node is a branch node ("Yes" branch, block 410), the process proceeds with a following node of a first branch off the first branch node at block ~~408~~412. If the node is not a

D. Please replace the last paragraph on page 18 with the following paragraph:

The opcode merger 232 takes an available opcode object ("Yes" branch block 506) and determines if an identical opcode object is already in the opcode tree 230, beginning the analysis at the root node 302. If the opcode object is already in the opcode tree ("Yes" branch, block 508), then the process focuses on that node in the tree 510 and a next opcode object - if available - is processed beginning at block 506.

E. Please replace the last paragraph on page 27 with the following paragraph:

The system memory 604 includes computer storage media in the form of volatile and/or nonvolatile memory such as read only memory (ROM) ~~608~~ 623 and random access memory (RAM) 610. A basic input/output system 612 (BIOS), containing the basic routines that help to transfer information between elements within computer 600, such as during start-up, is typically stored in ROM ~~608~~ 623. RAM 610 typically contains data and/or program modules that are immediately accessible to and/or presently being operated on by processing unit 602. By way of example, and not limitation, Fig. 6 illustrates operating system 614, application programs 616, other program modules 618, and program data 620.